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TO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BARON RIJNHARD B. VAN LYNDEN, FORMER NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., FROM PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. MAY I EXPRESS THE HOPE FOR, AND MY COMMITMENT TO, CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: JUST BEFORE DEPARTING WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN HAD SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IN VIEW OF OUR CORDIAL PERSONAL RELATIONS DURING THE PRECEDING YEARS I HAD ASKED PERMISSION SOME WEEKS AGO TO CALL ON YOU UPON MY RELINQUISHING MY POST AS AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS ON AUGUST 15, 1974.

- IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THIS IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE.

- I WOULD, HOWEVER, ASK YOU TO ACCEPT MY MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES UPON YOUR HAVING BEEN SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

- I HAVE CONSIDERED IT A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT

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MY COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND I ALWAYS HAVE FELT PROUD OF THE VERY OLD BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP LINKING OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

- MY WIFE AND I ARE LEAVING YOUR GREAT AND HOSPITABLE COUNTRY WITH DEEP REGRET; HOWEVER, WE SHALL HAVE AN EXCELLENT REASON FOR COMING BACK, AS ONE OF OUR DAUGHTERS IS SOON TO MARRY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.
- MY WIFE JOINS ME IN ASKING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL BLESSINGS AND GOOD WISHES IN THE YEARS TO COME.
- PLEASE ACCEPT, MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

R.B. VAN LYNDEN

AMBASSADOR OF THE NETHERLANDS UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES VAN LYNDEN CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE MFA.

4. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD RECIPIENT WISH TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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